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WHERE IS FORMER OFFICER ABBOTT?

Schools Open With Forty Percent Increase In Enrollment

THIS YEAR SHATTERS RECORD

761 Students Attend Opening Session, as Compared to 546 in 1923

PREDICT LARGER BOOST

Principals Fear Overcrowding Unless Definite Steps Are Taken

With an increased enrollment of almost 40 per cent over last year and with this percentage certain, according to Principals Barnett and Bell, to increase to 50 per cent soon, Torrance schools opened Monday morning. The combined enrollment of the high and elementary schools Monday was 761, as against 546 last year, a gain of 215 pupils. Today being a holiday, many pupils did not enroll Monday, and the increase is expected to be much greater before the end of the week.

The increased enrollment was greater in the elementary school than in the high school. Last year the elementary school enrollment was 335. Yesterday it was 587, a gain of more than 78 per cent. This unusual increase in enrollment is certain to present problems of overcrowding before the school year closes, according to both principals. It is certain to crystallize sentiment for some definite action regarding the much-debated question of an attempted withdrawal from the Los Angeles district, for, as is made plain, the board of education probably will not erect another building here this year if Torrance plans to withdraw. And if no building is erected this year conditions in local schools a year from now would be unbearable.

The school committee of the Torrance Progress Club will set to work at once on the matter of withdrawal from the Los Angeles district, according to Dr. George I. Shidler, chairman of the committee.

There are five new members of the faculty in the elementary school. Miss Allene Davies and Miss Eleanor E. Tafe are kindergarten teachers; Mrs. Ruth George, primary grade; Mrs. Edna Tuttle, B-1; Mrs. Hilda Powell, development room.

In addition to the regular routine equipment for the school, a new steel playground unit for the little folks has been installed and a fine drinking fountain set up.

Hold One Man, Seek Another, In Girl Case

Say Father of Five 'Eloped' With Lomita Girl of 15 Years

P. J. Campbell is under arrest and police are searching in several counties for Phil J. Guertin, aged 30, 3115 Pine street, Lomita, on account of the disappearance on September 5 of 15-year-old Mary Sharpe, a student at Lomita high school, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Sharpe.

Campbell appeared before Justice of the Peace L. J. Hunter Monday morning in answer to a charge of child stealing. Hearing of his case, he was set for September 16 at 10 o'clock. He is held under bail of \$10,000.

Officials assert that Guertin, who is the father of five children, left Lomita with the school girl. It is believed that he headed for San Francisco. Mrs. Guertin states that her husband and the young girl were seen to board a north-bound train last Friday.

Campbell is alleged, bought the tickets for Guertin and the girl, Mr. Sharpe made the complaint.

Oil Is Shown At Deep Test Kettler Well

Cores Look Good, but Nothing Definite Is Proven, Say Experts

Chances for the discovery of a deep productive oil sand in the Torrance and Lomita oil districts brightened Monday when oil-bearing cores were brought to the surface from 4550-4565 feet out of the Shell Oil Company's Kettler No. 2, south of Redondo road in the heart of productive territory.

A core taken from 4550 to 4560 feet showed a chocolate-colored sandy formation, which did not respond to the ether test for oil. Another core taken between 4560 and 4565 feet looked better. It showed some oil, although no definite conclusion could be drawn from it Monday.

Observers in close touch with operations in the field said that the samples brought up prove that the Shell has not yet drilled a deep "duster" at Kettler No. 2, but that neither do they prove the company has drilled a deep oil well. At any rate, the company apparently does not deem it wise to make a production test and its drilling and coring ahead. The bottom of the hole Monday afternoon was at 4665 feet.

Rumors that the Kettler looked like a deep-sand gusher were current in the field over the weekend, but were not borne out by the company or the cores taken out of the hole.

So far the hole has not established the existence of a deep productive sand. It has proven that oil exists below the top formation. What it will prove in the future only deeper drilling will tell.

It was pointed out by an eminent geologist today that cores similar to those which have come out of the Kettler were taken out of Standard's Kettler No. 1 and Shell's Redondo No. 1, both of which were drilled deep without productive results. The formation brought up out of the Kettler may contain water as well as oil, according to this expert, who, however, declines to venture a prediction one way or the other regarding the existence of a deep sand.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

All members of the American Legion Auxiliary are urged to attend the meeting at 7:30 this evening, September 9, at the First National Bank.

PATRIOTS, PLEASE READ!

Torrance Calls on All Good Americans in Defense Day Plans

BIG RALLY FRIDAY NIGHT

Military Census, Display of Flag, Pershing Address, Are on Program

Torrance Friday will do the bidding of President Coolidge. This was assured last night when a citizens' committee drafted tentative plans for the observance of Defense Test Day Friday night, Sept. 12.

Plans for the event include: voluntary enlistment for one day of all patriotic men of military age, who will be asked to sign postal cards indicating their willingness to serve their country in time of national stress.

A patriotic rally at the high school auditorium Friday night at 8 o'clock, with a splendid musical program and patriotic addresses. Turning in on the radio relayed address by Gen. John J. Pershing, who retires from active service Friday night. A loud speaker will be attached to the radio at the auditorium.

The committee requests that citizens and business houses display the flag during the day and that all veterans of wars wear their uniforms.

Here is Committee The committee appointed to arrange the program for Friday night is as follows: Alfred Goudier, R. E. Smith, Rev. F. A. Zeller, George Proctor, Alex McPhail.

Defense Day was ordered by the war department as a test of the nation's potential strength, to give the military officials somewhere near an accurate gauge on patriotic sentiment throughout the country. Men who voluntarily enlist for the day are not obligated to serve. The gathering of names of those willing to serve, however, will provide the war department and each corps area in the country with a basis

Credit Expert Will Address Business Men

J. H. Van de Water, Los Angeles Executive, Speaks Here Wednesday Night

J. H. Van de Water, general manager of the Retail Merchants Credit Association of Los Angeles, will speak at the meeting of the Torrance Business Men's Association at the Central Evangelical Guild hall Wednesday night. Dinner will be served at 7 o'clock. The subject of Mr. Van de Water's address will be "Retail Credits and Collectors." The speaker is reputed to be one of the leading experts in the matter of retail credits and collections on the Pacific coast.

Chief Hannebrink Issues Warning on Burning of Refuse

Fire Chief R. F. Hannebrink today issued a warning against the pernicious burning of refuse in Torrance. The chief quoted Ordinance No. 36 of the city of Torrance, as follows: "It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, to burn refuse of any description in an open or unattended fire within the city of Torrance, or to burn any refuse within 15 feet of any building or outbuilding unless the same be enclosed in an enclosure of one-inch wire mesh, or to burn any such refuse nearer than 10 feet to any building or outbuilding in the city of Torrance at any hour of the day except between sunrise and 10 a. m. and between 4:30 p. m. and sunset."

Said Chief Hannebrink: "In the past several weeks I have noticed rubbish fires burning after 5 p. m. This practice must stop. Four this matter, Alleys and backyards should be cleaned up. If you have rubbish that cannot be burned, place it in the alley and the city trucks will remove it. "Let's all talk and practice fire prevention."

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TOT FALLS IN LIME, DIES

Five-Year-Old Rose Winters, Darling of Neighborhood, Passes Away

BURNS ON LIMBS FATAL

Effort of 6-Year-Old Brother to Save Sister Are in Vain

A ray of sunshine has gone from the neighborhood of Carson street and Cabrillo avenue—a dancing little ray of brightness that shone so sparkingly for all too short a time and then was blotted out. Little Rose Winters, darling child of the Brighton apartments, beloved of adults in Torrance, lived merrily her five short years, and passed away.

The story of her life was one of warmth and silver child laughter and tenderness that warmed the hearts of adults.

The story of her death is a sharp contrast to the short, bright merriment of her life. Wee Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winters of the Brighton apartments, and John, her brave 6-year-old brother, were wont to play happily in the open yard between the American and Vonderbe buildings on Carson street.

So Sunday afternoon they were laughing and running over this property, where men Saturday had left their work of building a new store on the land.

In the rear of the lot was a pit of unslaked lime. Running too close to the "nice white" hole, little Rose stumbled and fell, immersing her legs and both hands in the burning lime. Vainly the frightened John, with a courage and presence of mind beyond his years, stepped into the lime to lift his little sister out. But the task was too great for his boy strength and he ran home shouting: "Rose has fallen in a hole."

P. Stevenson was at the Winters home when little John arrived. He and Mr. Winters hurried to the pit, where the little girl was still struggling to get out of the burning lime. They lifted her up and washed the lime from her burned legs and arms and carried her home.

But the burns were severe, searing both of the child's legs from the hips down and both hands and forearms.

And Monday afternoon, near the close of a sunlit day, the sunny little soul took wings, going out at the end of a golden afternoon.

Night—and fox-cropt coldly in from the sea.

Yet men and women of the neighborhood of Carson and Cabrillo know that somewhere—some where there is one more star in a Godly crown—perhaps the brightest star of all.

Harbor Chambers Meet at Compton Thursday, Sept. 11

The next meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce will be held at Legion hall in Compton on Thursday night, Sept. 11. At this meeting the proposed sewage disposal system will be explained in detail. A representative delegation from here will attend.

Woman Is Injured As Car Turns Over On Arlington Ave.

Mrs. Nina Hynes of Los Angeles was out on the face Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when the car which she was driving on Arlington avenue near Plaza del Amo skidded, struck the curb, and turned over. She was alone in the machine, which is owned by Homer Warren, also of Los Angeles.

Observations

A Few More Sidlights on the Character of John J. Pershing—The Determined Roosevelt—Pop Geers—Coolidge Keeps Cool

W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

NOT all men are to be known by what they say. Judgment of individuals from the words they speak may be applied only to the sincere.

Great men, however, are remembered by sentences which they send ringing down the decades.

Our grandchildren will quote many of the pithy sentences of Gen. John J. Pershing, who retires from active service Friday night at 12 o'clock.

A man of few words, the leader of the A. E. F. has nevertheless given us some samples of his own strong character in words that he has spoken.

It will never be definitely known whether Pershing actually ejaculated "Lafayette, we are here!" when he stood at the tomb of the great Frenchman. But posterity will credit it to Pershing just the same. The general himself has asserted that he does not know whether he spoke the words, that he was speaking without notes and does not remember what he said.

Other of his words, however, are duly authenticated and give us an insight into his character. On Memorial Day of 1919 Pershing was to speak at the Romagne cemetery in France. He spent several hours preparing the speech. When the transcript was completed he called his aide, Col. J. G. Quekemyer, to hear and criticize it. The address, bristling with short, soldierly sentences, albeit with deep emotion, ended with the words: "Dear comrades, farewell!" When Pershing read the last words to the colonel his voice quavered and he said: "Quekemyer, I don't know whether I can say it or not."

The determination, indefatigable energy of Pershing, the soldier, made his men under him endure beyond the power of human endurance. A division commander sent word, "My men are tired. They must have rest." To which the general replied, "It is tired you are tired. Continue the attack."

On the boat before he landed, a conquering general, from France, a friend said to him "They are prepared to give you a tremendous welcome, General."

"Yes," he replied, "I wish it were over. I am not much on these shows."

Frederick Palmer, the famous war correspondent, told Pershing, as the Army of Occupation was marching triumphantly into Germany, that there was talk in the United States of making him (Pershing) the next President of the United States.

Said Pershing: "I have commanded my country's army in a victorious war. That is enough."

At the crisis of the war, in the Spring of 1918, when the Germans drove a wide wedge between the French and British armies, when the whole world was literally holding its breath between those succinct official reports, John Pershing made a flying trip to the headquarters of Marshal Foch, the one man among the allies on whose shoulders rested the gravest responsibility. Pershing had absolutely refused up to that point to consider any plan for the disposition of American troops other than the formation of a real American army, controlling a section of the front under American command. All of his effort in France, up to that day, had been directed toward the fruition of that one idea.

The American general met Foch in a wooded garden, near the French commander's chateau-headquarters. Saluting him as their eyes met, he said simply: "I come to place at your disposal all the American men and materials in France. Do with them what you will."

Witnesses of that historic scene declare it unsurpassed in unintended drama. (Read George Patullo's "The Inside Story of the A. E. F.")

Foch took over the American divisions. It was because Pershing surrendered his own great plan that the French commander-in-chief could use the First division at Cantigny, where they brought honor upon themselves and their country in the first major engagement of the war in which Americans participated.

It was under French command, granted by Pershing, that the Second and Third Regular Army divisions stemmed the tide with such magnificent valor at Chateau-Thierry and Belleau Woods in those terrific days of June.

It was because of that meeting in the garden that the First and Second American divisions were available when fresh, fired young troops were needed to drive a lance into the Chateau-Thierry salient on that rain-swept morning of July 18, when the golden fields of wheat north of Villers-Cotterets were spotted with red that was not poppies.

And it was because of Pershing's self-abnegation that the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Twenty-sixth, Thirty-second and Forty-second divisions should have been sent to France to meet the German army from Chateau-Thierry north beyond the Vesle.

The crisis was over, because Pershing transferred all of his tried and even half-tried divisions to the unquestioned command of Foch.

A great general goes out of the service Friday, a great soldier and a great man, whose service to the flag in time of war has been unsurpassed by any Declaration of Independence. He was the first signature on our Declaration of Independence.

MATERIAL WITNESS MISSING

Alleged Confessor in Asserted Extortion Case Cannot Be Located

RENEW SIFT THURSDAY

Grand Jury Convenes Again to Consider Case Involving Officials

All efforts to locate former Motorcycle Officer Stanley Abbott, star witness in the alleged extortion case involving Torrance police officials and Attorney A. P. Morswood of Hermosa Beach, have failed.

Abbott left Torrance last Thursday morning, the day on which the grand jury began its probe of the asserted plot by which five Compton men are said to have been victimized on July 23, 1923, a subpoena, summoning the former motorcycle officer to appear before the grand jury Thursday, was issued last Wednesday afternoon, but officers could not locate him. Since that date acquaintance asserted that he has not been seen in Torrance.

City officials, close to the investigation which led to the issuance of warrants charging extortion, declare that Abbott's testimony as given in an affidavit to Trustee J. S. Torrance and City Attorney Morswood, and City Attorney Morswood, is the most essential evidence in the whole case. Abbott is said to have confessed receiving a "split" of the money which the warrants charge was extorted from the Compton men.

It was this asserted affidavit that supplied the chief basis on which complaints were sworn out, it is declared.

Abbott's alleged confession is in the hands of the district attorney's office. It will be used by the grand jury in arriving at a decision in the matter of issuing or not issuing indictments in the case, but would not be accepted as evidence in a court of law, it is pointed out.

Officials are therefore anxious to locate Abbott in person, and it was hinted today that the district attorney's office, or meeting the grand jury itself may take drastic steps to find him.

The grand jury, it is expected, will continue its probe into the Torrance case Thursday. The inquisitorial body meets only on Tuesday and Thursday of each week, but is not meeting today on account of the holiday.

Witnesses in the case who were present to testify Thursday before the grand jury, but who were not called, will probably be summoned to appear again Thursday of this week.

Officials expect that a decision regarding indictments will be forthcoming either the latter part of this week or the first part of next, although it is possible for the grand jury to postpone final consideration of the case.

Foresee Great Western Ave. Scenic Drive

Highway Through Palos Verdes and Other Sections Near Completion

Visitors to the development of the extension of Western (Narbonne) avenue through the Palos Verdes hills declare that the drive, when complete, will be one of the most beautiful in the state. When this stretch is open to traffic and the pavement north of Torrance is completed by the city of Los Angeles, Western avenue will connect the mountains with San Pedro. It is planned to connect this highway with Mulholland drive, making it a beautiful scenic drive all the way.

The section north of Torrance is being rapidly completed, but, being concrete, it will be allowed to "set" for several weeks before being opened to traffic.

Lloyd George Getting Ready to Come Back With Coal Problem Cure as Key to Power

By JACKSON V. JACOBS Central Press Correspondent.

LONDON, Sept. 4.—The Labor party, having proved itself both Liberal and Conservative, as well as faintly Tory, looks like it is going to be in the British saddle for quite a while longer.

Liberals and Tories, combining, can at any time throw the Labor government out. But they don't want to at the present time.

The Tories know that Big Business does not want an election any time soon. The Liberals want more time to fill their war chest and repair their battered lines.

But when Labor does surrender the reins, watch Mr. David Lloyd George, of some unpronounceable place in Wales.

It would not be surprising if the crafty little Welshman wins back his old power before many months pass.

self and to give the Liberals a program which will enable them both to attack the Tories and undercut the Labor-Socialists, Lloyd George has gone back to his 1909 tactics.

He sees that in world trade what Britain needs is greater development of her electrical power. This means coal.

But in the near future everybody else needs a great struggle between the mine companies and the coal miners.

Lloyd George's "Cure" The only thing these clashing forces agree upon is that their troubles are increased by reason of the fact that the mine companies have to pay huge royalties to the rich men under whose lands the coal is found.

Here is where L. G. attacks. His program is not for continued private ownership, as the Tories advocate, nor for nationalization of the mines, such as the Labor party advocates.

And the best thing about his plan is he can maintain that it will not cost the taxpayers a penny.

Lloyd George says the nation should buy the mine royalties from the royalties. This can be done for £70,000,000.

The money would not be taken from the treasury. The government would issue bonds for the sum. The result, Lloyd George says, would be satisfactory to everybody.

A reasonable profit to the mining companies and a decent wage to the miners would be assured. Payment of excessive royalties to wealthy land holders would be done away with.

The government would be enabled to enforce decent living conditions for the men who mine the coal.

The public would get the coal at a better price.

So watch the little Welshman.



A new photograph of Lloyd George taken at a political meeting addressed by Margaret Asquith.